

**PHOENIX FIELD OFFICE  
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)  
COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS (CX)**

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Harbin Mine Site Cleanup

**NEPA#:** AZ-210-2005-0085

**Related#:** AZA-32376 (Harbin)

**Location of Proposed Action:** T. 1 S., R. 10 E., Section 7, NW¼; G&SRM, Arizona

**Description of Proposed Action:** Remove trailers, equipment and trash from the Harbin mine site. Recontour and/or backfill several small trenches and pits.

**PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW.** This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: *Name of Plan:* Phoenix RA RMP. *Decision and page no.:* \_\_\_\_\_. *Date approved:* December 1989. This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM Manual 1601.04.C.2).

**PART II - CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

A. Verification of Listing: This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under Department Manual 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, H (10) – Removal of structures and materials of nonhistorical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass, and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

And

B. Exception Review: 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 provides for the review of the following criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project.

**IMPORTANT:** Appropriate staff should determine exception, comment and initial for concurrence. If exceptions apply to the action or project, and existing NEPA documentation does not address the exception, then further NEPA analysis is required.

CRITERIA	COMMENT (yes/no)	STAFF INITIAL
1. Has significant adverse effects on public health and safety.	NO	
2. Adversely affects unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, flood plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of the Interior National Register of Natural Landmarks.	NO	
3. Has highly controversial environmental effects.	NO	
4. Has highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involves unique or unknown environmental risks.	NO	
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about a future action with potentially significant environmental effects.	NO	

6. Is related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	NO	
7. Adversely affects properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic places.	NO	See attached clearance
8. Affects a species listed or proposed to be listed in the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or adversely affects the species critical habitat.	NO	See attached clearance
9. Requires compliance with Executive Order 11988 Flood Plain Management, 11990 Protection for Wetlands, or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.	NO	
10. Threatens to violate a Federal, State, local, or Tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment	NO	

### **PART III - SIGNATURES FOR COMPLIANCE**

PREPARER: Matthew N. Plis, Mining Engineer

DATE:

PLANNING/ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST: Matthew N. Plis, Mining Engineer

DATE:

**PART IV - DECISION.** I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

#### **MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER REMARKS:**

The site has no cultural significance. The act of removing the trailers, equipment and trash and reclaiming the site will have a positive effect on the visual characteristics of the area.

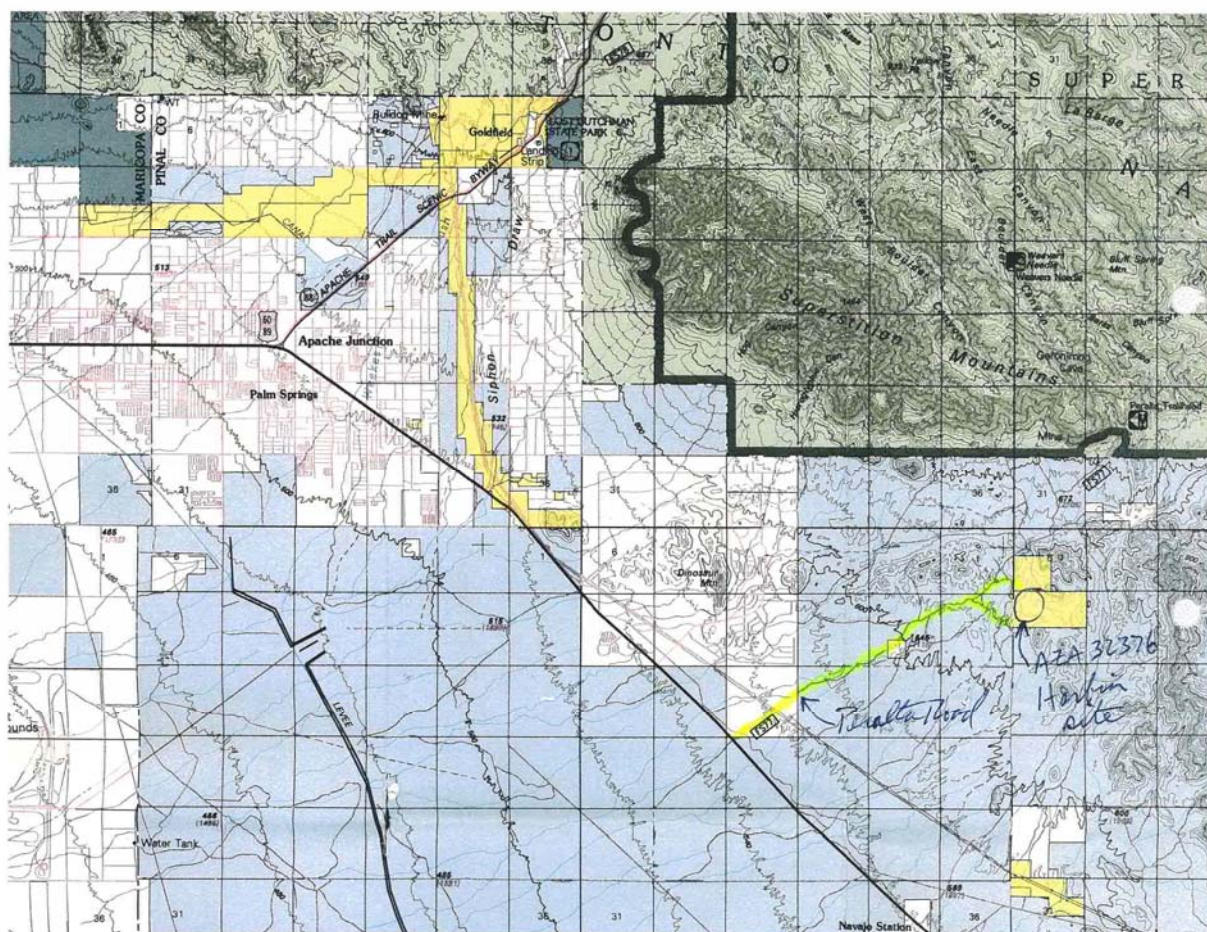
Cultural clearance has been completed for the site. (clearance attached)

No T&E habitat or species are present in this area. (clearance attached)

There are no energy development, production, supply and/or distribution facilities located on or near the site of this proposed project. This action will not have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply and/or distribution.

APPROVING OFFICIAL:

DATE:









# Phoenix Field Office Work Request

version 5/10/2004

Date: 7/29/05

Person Making Request: Matt Plis

Type of Action/Project Name: Harbin Mine Site Cleanup

Case Number: AZA 32376

Applicant/Proponent: PFO

Action is in current AWP:

Yes	No
X	

Project Description: A BLM contractor will be used to remove trailers, equipment and trash from the Harbin mine site. Also, several small trenches and pits onsite will be recontoured and/or backfilled.

Location (legal subdivision and USGS quad): T. 1 S., R. 10 E., SW¼ of sec. 7, G&SRM. See attached maps.

Description of Access: Access to the site is from U.S. Highway 60 at a point approximately 6 miles southeast of Apache Junction, then northeast on Peralta Canyon Road for about 5 miles to an intersection with a primitive road, then southeast along that road for roughly 1 mile to the site.

Charge Code/Project Code: 1990 NJ

## Six Screening Questions:

	Yes	No
- Does the proposal conform to existing LUP(s)?	X	
- Is proposal listed as normally requiring an EIS?		X
- Is existing analysis and documentation sufficient?		X
- Is the proposal categorically excluded?	X	
- Are environmental impacts expected to be significant?		X
- Are any special areas affected (ACEC, Wilderness, Hist. Trail)?		X

Rationale/Discussion (LUP decision, CX #, etc.): This project needs cultural and T&E clearances completed before the reclamation work can proceed.

	None	DNA	CX	EA	EIS
Level of NEPA Documentation Required:			X		
Further Program Involvement Required: Please review project and provide comments by August 15, 2005, if possible. Would like to start working onsite in early September 2005, so that work can be completed in FY05.		None			Minerals
		FOM or Staff			Lands
	X	Cultural		X	Wildlife
		Recreation			Range
		Visual			Coop. Agency
Special Areas:		Wldr.		AFNM	SDNM
Scarce Skills:		Btmy.		Water	Soil/Air

## Level of Public Involvement:

	Yes	No
- Is a Federal Register Notice Required?		X
- Are any Community Meetings Needed (if yes, where)?		X
	None	30day 45day Other
- Public Review of FONSI/EA:	X	

Supervisor Concurrence:

initial:

date: 8/1/05

NEPA Record Number: AZ-210-2005-0085-CX


Specialist Comments: Records and previous surveys (PFO #18-206) show no cultural resources have been documented in this area. Additional inspections by Pix District staff on 8/1/05 confirm that no cultural resources will be affected.

Specialist Signature: Connie L. Stone, Archaeologist date: 8/3/05

→ No structures on the property have historical values. Their removal would not affect cultural resources.



Tim  
Hughes/PFO/AZ/BLM/DOI  
08/22/2005 07:33 AM

To Matthew Plis/PFO/AZ/BLM/DOI@BLM  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Re: Harbin mine site cleanup 

Matt,

I had not seen this. The project would have no effect on any T/E species. There may be tortoises in the area. If encountered, they should be avoided and left unharmed. Minimize any vegetation destruction.

If you need anything else, let me know.

Tim

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08/17/2005 02:03 PM

To Tim Hughes/PFO/AZ/BLM/DOI@BLM  
cc  
Subject Harbin mine site cleanup

Tim,

Can't remember if we ever talked about this one or not. Pretty sure I left a copy of the work request (attached) in your mailbox at the end of July, but maybe old age is just catching up with me.



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Thanks, Matt